

## **Te Rōpū Kahikatea AUSA Statement on the Crimes Legislation (Stalking and Harassment) Amendment Bill)**

Te Rōpū Kahikatea AUSA supports the proposed Crimes Legislation (Stalking and Harassment) Amendment Bill.

Data from Help suggests that 1 in 3 tertiary students in New Zealand have experienced sexual violence while studying. Despite the lack of reporting, stalking is a common experience of many tertiary students. There is a gap within the justice system to address the issue of stalking, which promotes the escalation of further violent crimes. This piece of legislation will address this gap, and protect our most marginalised communities, like women, our queer community, refugees and migrants.

TRK AUSA supports the recommendations by the Auckland Women's Centre, which urges for a survivor-led approach to be included in the proposed legislation. TRK AUSA strongly encourages all students to submit on the bill, especially those who have lived experience with stalking. We also encourage students to follow the submission guide created by the Auckland Women's Centre which can be found on our linktree. A huge mihi goes to Auckland Women Centre for their work on creating this submission guide.

If they are any students, who are or had experienced stalking on campus please contact [studentconduct@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:studentconduct@auckland.ac.nz) for safety and support measures.

Submission Guidelines: <https://awc.org.nz/subguide/>

National Helplines:

- [Shine Domestic Abuse Helpline](#) **24/7** – webchat available **0508 744 633**
- [Women's Refuge](#) **24/7** – phone and webchat available **0800 733 843**

- [HELP sexual abuse helpline](#) **24/7** – phone and text available [0800 623 1700](#) text **8236**
- [Safe to Talk](#) – **24/7** Sexual harm support – phone **0800 044 334**